

The UK Delegation to the Conference on Disarmament and the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) Secretariat invite you to a side event on:

## **The ATT Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF): supporting national ATT implementation strategies or plans**

**Wednesday, 10 May 2023**

**13:15 – 14:45 (CEST)**

**Room Tempus, the Palais des Nations, Geneva**

Pursuant to Article 16(3) of the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT), the Voluntary Trust Fund (VTF) was established in August 2016 to assist States to implement the ATT. This side event will provide guidance on how to apply and use VTF funding to support national ATT implementation strategies or plans, and present an opportunity to share the experience of VTF recipient states and project implementing partners.

Panelists include:

- Ambassador Aidan LIDDLE, UK Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva
- Mr. Dumisani DLADLA, Head of the Arms Trade Treaty Secretariat
- Mr. Teklo Maxwell GRIGSBY II, Chairman, Liberia National Commission on Small Arms (LiNCSA)
- Ms Angie Melissa VALVERDE MASIS, Legal Police Adviser, Ministry of Public Security, Costa Rica
- Dr. Paul HOLTOM, Head of Conventional Arms Programme, UNIDIR

\*Refreshments/ light lunch will be served.

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**Draft Agenda**

1.	13:15 – 13:25	Opening and Introduction	- Chairperson: VTF Selection Committee
2.	13:25 – 13:35	Overview of the VTF status	- ATT Secretariat
3.	13:35 – 13:50	Perspective from a recipient State (1)	- A representative of Liberia
4.	13:50 – 14:05	Perspective from a recipient State (2)	- A representative of Costa Rica
5.	14:05 – 14:15	Role of project implementing partner	- A representative of UNIDIR
6.	14:15 – 14:40	Q&A and informal exchange	- All participants
7.	14:40 – 14:45	Closing remarks	- Chairperson: VTF Selection Committee